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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: School Food Authorities

FROM: Pat Cook, Consultant  
Office of Child Nutrition and School Health

SUBJECT: National Attendance Figure

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**The updated national attendance factor for School Year 2005-2006 is 93.5% or .935.** This is calculated by dividing the total national average daily attendance by the total enrollment for the year.

The Nevada Department of Education encourages each school district to use their daily attendance factor or an individual school's daily attendance factor. However, if the daily attendance factor is not available, the national attendance factor may be used when completing edit checks for the National School Lunch Program.

The number of free/reduced priced meals claimed should be less than or equal to the number of free/reduced priced eligible children times the attendance factor. If meals claimed exceeds the maximum allowed for free or reduced priced eligible children, when the attendance factor is taken into account, then the person performing the edit check should verify those counts against the attendance.

Please call me at 775-687-7282, if you have questions regarding this attendance factor.